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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST CASE - V. N. STANKOV

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1. ON JULY 12 SOVIET VICE CONSUL HANDED EUR/SOV OFFICER EMBASSY NOTE REQUESTING MEETING WITH STANKOV. (FYI: WHEN DEPARTMENT OFFICER INDICATED NOTE WAS REQUESTED IN VIEW OF SIMILAR MFA REQUIREMENT IN RECENT NARCOTICS ARREST CASE, VICE CONSUL SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MFA HAD REQUESTED NOTE.)

2. MEETING TOOK PLACE JULY 13 IN DEPARTMENT WITH SOVIET CONSULAR COUNSELOR, VICE CONSUL, AND EUR/SOV OFFICERS PRESENT. STANKOV TOLD SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO STAY IN THE U.S. OF HIS OWN FREE WILL AND THAT HE FELT NO RANCOR TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID HE WOULD
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HAVE EMIGRATED WITH HIS FAMILY IF HE THOUGHT THAT WERE POS-

SIBLE. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS RAISED VARIOUS CONSIDERATIONS (FAMILY, ADAPTING TO NEW LIFE, LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES, ETC.) BUT STANKOV REPEATED THAT HIS DECISION TO REMAIN IN THE US WAS FIRM. THEY TOLD HIM HE WAS FREE TO CALL THE SOVIET EMBASSY IF HE WISHED.

3. TONE OF MEETING WAS FRIENDLY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD THROUGHOUT WITH EUR/SOV OFFICER ONLY HAVING TO INTERRUPT ONCE TO CUT OFF QUESTION ABOUT ATTITUDE OF STANKOV'S WIFE, WHICH WAS NOT RELEVANT TO SUBSTANCE OF MEETING. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS SAID THEY WERE GRATEFUL TO DEPARTMENT FOR ARRANGING MEETING. KISSINGER

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